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Akron Man to Be Freed Over Sentence Increase

Andrew D. Adams, 31-year-old glib talking Akron man who claimed to be a CIA agent, will be released from a federal prison soon because of a decision by the U. S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

In December, 1964, Adams was convicted of fraud and interstate transportation of stolen money in connection with a \$125,000 check kiting scheme at the Akron Dime Bank. ~~CIA never denied this.~~ Adams claimed he was "borrowing" the money to finance the revolution. There were reports Adams obtained millions of dollars in con operations over the globe.

Judge James C. Connell sentenced Adams to 10 years in prison on the fraud charge and a year each on four charges of transporting stolen money, with the sentences to be served concurrently. Adams cannot be re-tried, since his conviction itself was reversed, according to Robert J. Rotatori, assistant U. S. attorney.

Later, it was discovered that the maximum sentence for fraud is five years. Judge Connell brought Adams back, dismissed his original sentence, and increased Adams' sentence for transporting stolen money from one to 10 years. Adams was then sentenced to one year concurrent terms for fraud and the other charges.

ADAMS CLAIMED that while a judge could lower his sentence, he couldn't increase it, and the Court of Appeals agreed.

At the time of his arrest, Adams claimed he was a CIA agent purchasing arms to be used in overthrowing the Haitian government. The